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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of	:	Gerhard GUMPOLTSBERGER
Serial no.	:	
For	:	MULTI-STAGE TRANSMISSION
Docket	:	ZAHFRI P696US

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraphs 002-005, 013, 014, 025, 026 and 030 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-22, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 23-44 as follows.